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To: SUD Network Alcohol and Drug Testing Providers

From: Bureau of Substance Use Disorders

Re: Alcohol and Drug Testing for Medicaid Clients

In order to maintain compliance with Medicaid rules, The Bureau of Substance Use Disorders would like to provide network alcohol and drug testing providers with specific information regarding IDAPA 16.03.09 (Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits), which defines Drug Testing as “a urinalysis test used to detect the presence of alcohol or drugs.” In short, although there are various testing methods available to determine the presence of alcohol or drugs (oral swab, hair, etc.), the only reimbursable testing service available to SUD funded Medicaid clients is a urinalysis test.

Please pay close attention to the plan benefit as listed on your BPA authorization voucher and ensure the services provided are within the client's plan benefit. Reimbursements for non-covered services (oral swab, hair, etc.) will be recouped for dates of services provided following this official notification and are subject to claims recoupment and possible inactivation from the SUD provider network.

Please review your agency's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with this Medicaid regulation.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ryan Phillips at phillipr@dhw.idaho.gov or 208.334.6610.

The Bureau recognizes and appreciates the efforts of SUD providers throughout the State of Idaho. Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and dedication.